



**FAMILY PORTRAIT:** This family portrait of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ellis and their five daughters was taken only a few months ago in the front room of their home at 4125 Chamberlain road, south of Bu-

chanan. From left are Sharon (front), Beverly, Mr. Ellis, Debbie, Mrs. Ellis, Brenda and Susan. Three of the girls—Sharon, Susan and Beverly—died of asphyxiation. (Lemke Studio photo)

## FATHER OF THREE ASPHYXIATED GIRLS LEFT CAR RUNNING

### Monoxide Blamed In Deaths

#### Fumes From Garage Got Into House

BUCHANAN — Berrien sheriff's officers said the deaths Wednesday of three daughters of a Clark Equipment Co. vice president were caused by carbon monoxide fumes that came from their father's car which apparently was left running in the garage.

Bernard Ellis, 42, told Deputy Michael Devine that he had driven the car into the garage shortly after midnight. The garage is attached to the house. Officers said the engine of the car was found warm after the tragedy was discovered. The key was turned to "on" in the ignition, but the motor was not running.

Fumes from the car's exhaust were believed to have seeped into the living quarters, causing the deaths of Susan, 12, Sharon, 10, and Beverly, 9. Ellis, his wife, Marlene, 37, and two other daughters, Debbie, 14, and Brenda, 8, remain hospitalized at Niles Pawating hospital. Brenda reported in critical condition, and Debbie, in fair condition, were described as improving but still not off the danger list. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis were listed in good condition and are expected to be released from the hospital Friday.

#### DISCUSSED TRIP

Ellis told officers he had been at the home of Walter Schirmer, president and chairman of the board of Clark Equipment Company, discussing plans for a hunting trip with Robert Chase of 513 Claremont, Buchanan.

Ellis said he left the Schirmer home about 11:30 p.m. Tuesday evening and took Chase home, arriving at his own house shortly after midnight.

He said he put his car in the garage, entered the darkened house and found his wife reading in bed. He said they retired about 1:30 a.m. He said he did not remember whether he turned the car's ignition off, but thought he had.

Both parents recalled being awakened during the night by two of their daughters, Brenda and Beverly. Mrs. Ellis said she was awakened by the two girls crying outside in the hallway, and that she stayed with Brenda for a while in the family room to quiet her. Ellis said he remembered awakening and finding the two girls on the floor of the hall. He said he put them back in bed.

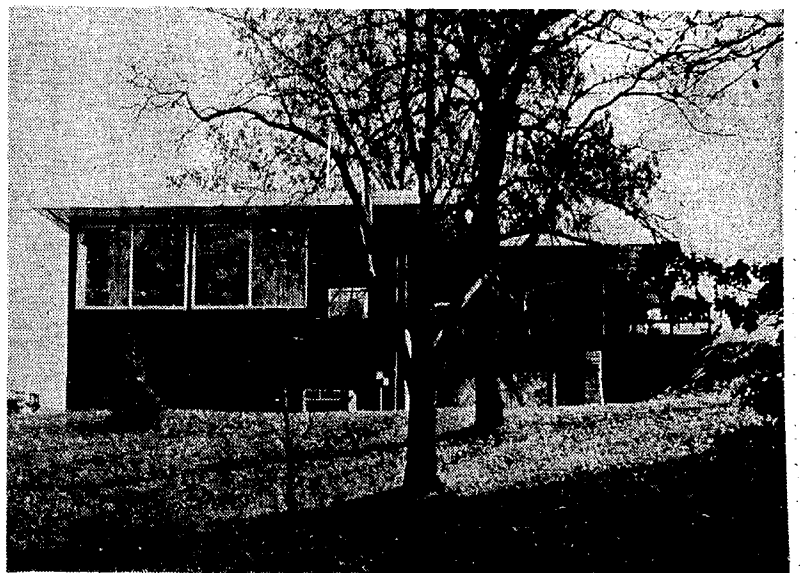
#### NEIGHBOR CHECKS

The tragedy was discovered about 8:15 a.m. Wednesday by a neighbor. Mrs. Richard Chubb of 4140 Chamberlain road, Buchanan, she told officers that when the Ellis girls did not come out to catch the school bus, she went up to the house to investigate.

She said she smelled an odor when she opened the front door. She then called, and getting no response, went inside. She said she is a good friend of the family and comes over often for coffee in the morning.

Mrs. Chubb said she discovered Mrs. Ellis unconscious on the bathroom floor in the full bath on the main level of the house and immediately called the Buchanan police department and asked them to notify the family physician, Dr. Russell J. Vastine, Jr.

She then discovered Mr. Ellis lying on the floor of the bathroom off the bedroom and also saw three of the girls unconscious in upstairs bedrooms. She then again called Buchanan police and asked for



**WHERE THREE DIED:** This split-level ranch-style home south of Buchanan was the scene of the asphyxiation deaths of three members of the Bernard Ellis family early Wednesday morning. Found dead were Susan, Sharon and Beverly Ellis apparently from carbon monoxide poisoning. Ellis, a Clark Equipment Company vice president, his wife, and two other daughters remain hospitalized. Tragic accident apparently took place after Ellis returned home early Wednesday morning and left the car engine running in the garage (at left under picture windows). Susan and Sharon slept in a basement bedroom adjacent to the garage and Beverly slept on the next level above the garage. (Staff photo)

## Heavy Fighting Breaks Out In South Vietnam

### Paris Peace Talks In Doubt

#### FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS

The future of the peace talks in Paris remained in doubt today while the heaviest fighting in weeks raged in Vietnam.

In Paris, U.S. officials warned North Vietnam that continued violations of the demilitarized zone separating North and South Vietnam could wreck the peace talks.

North Vietnam today called on the United States to state clearly whether it is prepared to go ahead with the expanded

Vietnam peace talks. Hanoi added that it would not negotiate with the U.S. unless the Viet Cong's National Liberation Front is present at the table.

Meanwhile, a National Broadcasting Co. news team reported a bicycle convoy it filmed was moving supplies through Cambodia to a Viet Cong encampment in South Vietnam.

On the war front, U.S. planes and helicopters rained down flares, bullets and bombs, while less than 500 South Vietnamese rangers and American artillerymen fought off about 1,000 North Vietnamese troops near the Cambodian border through the night and counted 287 enemy bodies after dawn broke today.

The North Vietnamese attack on the small ranger camp 60 miles north of Saigon produced the Vietnam war's heaviest fighting in weeks, with 120 of the enemy dead found inside the

camp's barbed wire.

The other bodies were strewn over the cratered approaches which had been blasted by the Americans' 155mm guns inside the camp and the U.S. planes and helicopters circling overhead.

Four South Vietnamese were reported killed and 23 wounded. No American casualties were reported.

## Price For Essentials Is Going Up

The cost of living, marriage and dying — if you want copies of documents certifying these events — goes a little higher Friday.

County Clerk Forrest "Hank" Kesterke said a 1968 state law taking effect Friday raises the charge for a single certified copy of a vital statistic from the old \$1 up to \$2.

"It's really logical, because the cost is for the search and finding it (the record)," Kesterke said.

"It's a much more fair way to charge."

County clerks also are authorized to charge a fee for locating vital records for persons who merely want to view them, but Kesterke said he'll study the situation before deciding what fee, if any, to collect. This service was free before.

Clerks of Michigan counties where a birth, marriage or death occurred will have certified copies of these events available, if they were properly recorded in the clerk's office.

## Iron Curtain May Clank Down Again

### Czechs Eye Party Meeting

PRAGUE (AP) — The Central Committee of Czechoslovakia's Communist party met today for a crucial session amid widespread fear that it would wipe out the final traces of the year's liberal reforms.

The committee session in Prague, Castle posed another threat to party chief Alexander Dubcek, who has been fighting for political survival every day since the Soviet invasion Aug. 20.

There was speculation that old guard Communists who want to discredit Dubcek's regime and reverse its reforms might open the battle by challenging the right of new committee members to take their seats. The committee on Aug. 31

increased its membership by 87 to give it a liberal majority, and some old-line Communists argue that this was illegal without party-wide elections.

**GROWING RESTRICTIONS**  
Public forbidding about the session was fed by recent restrictions on the press and on travel abroad.

Following student meetings planning demonstrations against any further concessions to the Soviet occupiers, Deputy Premier Gustav Husak warned Wednesday night that if "any demonstrations take place in our streets in the coming days, we shall regard them as subversive against state and party and proceed accordingly."

Husak spoke in Bratislava,

and in Prague student and worker groups joined forces to plan demonstrations that might be allowed because they would stay out of the streets.

The CKD traction plant, Prague's largest factory, called for special Saturday and Sunday "Dubcek shifts" in which workers and students could gather in plants. Prague Radio said students and workers would meet at several other plants on the two days.

**PROTESTORS WARNED**  
For the second straight day, Dubcek and other top government leaders on Wednesday personally warned students against street demonstrations. A student delegation was told to stay indoors Sunday with campus ceremonies marking the 29th anniversary of the day Hitler closed Czechoslovak universities to punish anti-Nazi demonstrators.

Prague's student union decided it would sponsor no street demonstrations pending developments in the Central Committee. But student sources said the union acknowledged that some of its members planned to demonstrate anyway.

If the central committee upheld the Dubcek leadership and strongly endorsed the reform path, this could keep the students and workers from staging widespread demonstrations.

Husak in his speech said the meeting would produce no sensations and no great changes in policy or personnel. He also said rumors that Dubcek would be ousted were designed to create "panic and confusion." Some party sources believe that Dubcek will be replaced within a month, either by Premier Oldrich Cernik or by Husak.

Wilson's Bakery Weekend Specials! Almond Tea Ring, 69c. Pound cake, 45c. Adv.

Captain's Table, Diffenderfer's Trio featuring Ray Norberg, Fri. 9-1. Adv.

#### LMC SERIES

## Johnny Mathis Will Sing Here On Dec. 3

Nationally-known singer Johnny Mathis will replace Jose Feliciano in the Dec. 3 opener of the Lake Michigan college student senate concert-lecture series at Benton Harbor high school, it was learned Wednesday.

Last week the college announced that Feliciano, pop singer of National Anthem fame, would not be able to appear. Ticket prices for the concert will be announced soon. Mathis is famed for top selling records such as "It's Not For Me To Say" and "Chances Are."



FRANK SINATRA

## Smog, Not Girls, Gets To Sinatra

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — Declaring that smog is endangering his health and career, singer Frank Sinatra said Wednesday he is moving permanently from the Los Angeles area to his Palm Springs estate.

"I've had it with Los Angeles and Hollywood," the 52-year-old entertainer said. "The smog is so bad I had to visit my doctor three days a week."

"I haven't got too many years of singing left and I have to take care of myself."

Sinatra's press agent in Hollywood said he had been seeing a doctor often but the agent didn't know what the symptoms were. "There's no question about the harmful effects of this smog like it is on all of us," the spokesman said, "and the doctor just recommended he move out."

Sinatra already has sold his two large homes—in Bel Air and Beverly Hills, the agent said.

He said he knew neither the buyers nor the purchase prices. Sinatra is in the process of moving to the ranch home he has had for several years in Palm Springs, a desert resort community 100 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

Fruit filled Danish coffee cakes. Spec. 69c. Eitel's Bakery. Adv.

## 'Bobby' Baker Asks New Trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Robert G. "Bobby" Baker, former secretary to Senate Democrats who was convicted of income tax evasion, is asking for a new trial because, he says, "tainted" evidence was used in his first.

In a motion filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court here, Baker claims evidence uncovered recently in the perjury case of former Lt. Gov. Clifford A. Jones of Nevada will show Baker was convicted by means of evidence that should have been suppressed.

Baker's motion contends this "tainted" evidence was given by Wayne Bromley, Washington lobbyist and lawyer who implicated Baker and Jones in a tax-evasion scheme.

Bromley used a hidden microphone to record in Los Angeles conversations with Baker and Jones, a Baker business associate, with the cooperation of the Department of Justice. Bromley



"BOBBY" BAKER

told of these conversations at Baker's trial last January.

Bromley was scheduled to testify about these same conversations in Jones' forthcoming trial but the testimony has been ruled "tainted" and ordered suppressed by District Judge Gerhard A. Gessell.

Baker's lawyers contend Gessell's ruling must apply in Baker's case since the same circumstances are involved. The government has appealed the ruling.

**HEARING SCHEDULED**  
The government contended at Baker's trial the former Senate Democratic aide stole nearly \$100,000 from California savings and loan executives who thought they were making political contributions. It was this income on which Baker was convicted of not paying taxes.

District Judge Oliver Gasch. (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

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THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

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Nixon Does Have  
A Mandate

A favorite criticism of the communications media is that it concentrates on the highlights in the news and fails to display what is really significant. We don't get the news in depth, is the critics' chant.

The response is a flood of verbiage from the magazine essayist, the newspaper columnist, the radio and TV analyst endeavoring to impress the audience that his own medium and he in particular are filling the so called communications gap.

Measured by volume, these gentry are responding.

Gaged by what they say, the gap is widening.

Ever since the noon hour of November 6th established a thin victory for Richard M. Nixon over Hubert Horatio Humphrey, the pundits have been declaring this margin of one-half of a percent sends Nixon to the White House with at best an uncertain mandate, that he has no clear compass course established by the public for his incoming Administration.

The implication in these comments is that this is the first time in history that the U.S. remains at sixes and sevens before and after a Presidential election.

Some of the commentators have corrected themselves to the extent of analyzing the Wallace campaign which picked up about 14 per cent of the popular vote. Adding that percentage to Nixon's vote, these commentators admit, shows the public by a substantial majority wants some things changed inside the country.

Except for Time magazine, none of the pundits, however, strays from the line that last week's outcome is something new and different in American life.

Nixon is far from being the first man to win the Presidency by less than majority acclaim.

1824 is the first year in which accurate records were preserved for a Presidential election. The popular voting went in this fashion: John Quincy Adams, 105,321; Andrew Jackson, 155,872; Henry Clay, 46,587; William H. Crawford, 44,282. Neither candidate received a majority in the electoral college, so the House of Representatives, controlled by the National Republicans (later the Whigs), gave the honor to their standardbearer, Adams.

Adams gained just under 30 per cent of the popular vote.

In 1860 the Democrats split bitterly on sectional lines over the states rights issue of secession. The Northern wing fielded Stephen A. Douglas. The Southern section put up John C. Breckenridge. John Bell led an intellectual splinter group called the Constitutional Unionists. The newly formed Republican party nominated Abraham Lincoln.

The popular vote followed this course: Lincoln, 1,866,352; Douglas, 1,375,157; Breckenridge, 845,763; Bell, 589,581.

Although he took slightly under 40 per cent of the popular vote, Lincoln carried sufficient of the larger Northern states to win an electoral college majority.

In 1912 Theodore Roosevelt broke with the Republican establishment to conduct his spectacular Bull Moose campaign. William Howard Taft was the duly nominated GOP candidate. Woodrow Wilson, the Princeton professor, stood for the Democrats.

The popular balloting took this turn: Wilson, 6,286,214; Roosevelt, 4,216,020; Taft, 3,483,922.

While less than a 45 per cent plurality choice, Wilson had the Solid South (another debatable term today) and sufficient Northern states to prevail in the electoral college. Roosevelt's petulance at his former associate moved Taft out of the White House.

In 1948 Thomas E. Dewey lost what the pollsters picked as a certain victory for him over Harry S. Truman. J. Strom Thurmond led a Dixiecrat revolt against Truman and from the far left, Henry Agard Wallace, whom FDR dumped in 1944 as his running mate in favor of Truman, set up a Progressive ticket.

The balloting followed this hectic course: Truman, 24,105,812; Dewey, 21,970,065; Thurmond, 1,169,021; Wallace, 1,157,172.

With just below 50.2 per cent of the popular vote Truman won handily in the electoral college.

Nixon was on the reverse side of this year's outcome in 1960. John F. Kennedy received 34,227,096 votes to 34,108,546 for Nixon. Kennedy's popular margin was less than 50.09 per cent, and if Mayor Daley's boys had not worked so astutely in Chicago, Nixon would have carried the Illinois electoral college vote and the Presidency.

The elections in 1840, 1844 and 1848 were other close shaves for the winners, though the percentage differentials were larger than the Truman and Kennedy results.

The principle distinction in '68 with those precedents is that the winning candidate's party controlled Congress.

The Republicans remain a minority in Congress, but if the coalition between conservative (mainly Southern) Democrats and the GOP retains its standing, Nixon's path may be considerably smoother than current forecasts would indicate.

The interesting rebuttal to the no mandate speculation is that a narrow victory never derailed the winning President from establishing his program in most essentials.

Adams held an unrestrained democratic process in check. Lincoln saved the Union. Wilson instituted a diluted version of the New Deal. Truman had great luck with his Fair Deal. Kennedy, had he lived, would have firmly installed the New Frontier which LBJ promptly heaved out the window and brought in the Great Society. Humphrey, by a minor switch of votes in key states, would have established a Greater Society.

Nixon, we are betting, will pull off something, as yet unnamed, which November 5th's vote said it wants instead of a Super Society.

In politics, as in most endeavors, a miss is as good as a mile. So is a hit.



GLANCING BACKWARDS

**AIRPORT BOARD SEEKS 30 ACRES**  
—1 Year Ago—  
After years of fruitless negotiations, members of the Twin City Airport board voted to formally ask condemnation proceedings to be started to obtain 30.5 acres at the east end of the east-west runway.

The airport board is obligated to clear obstructions from the end of the runway as its responsibility in receiving matching state and federal funds for various improvements at Ross field.

**PLAN BOARD BLOCKS PLEA**  
—10 Years Ago—  
The St. Joseph Planning commission will recommend that the city of St. Joseph turn down the state highway department request for one-way feeder routes into St. Joseph on Niles avenue and South State street.

The planning commission will recommend turning Niles avenue and Cleveland avenue into two-way, four-lane highways instead. It will recommend, however, the state's plan for one-way streets on Port and Ship streets between Main and Wayne streets.

**BOMBERS SLASH NIP AIR MIGHT**  
—25 Years Ago—  
Unusually heavy Allied bombing of Japanese air bases on New Guinea brought to light growing enemy air strength in that area while Allied ground forces scored new successes in the Pacific war zones in China, Burma, and on Bougainville Island. On the sea, American submarines sank seven more Japanese ships and damaged two others. This, the Navy department said in a weekend announcement, brought their toll in the Pacific to 346 sunk, 36 possibly sunk and 114 others damaged.

The Tokyo radio fought the "four air battles of Bougainville Island," claiming two Allied cruisers sunk and three warships damaged. No American ships had been sunk said American Naval spokesmen, tired of denying the daily Tokyo propaganda claims of decisive naval victories.

**BAN! BANG!**  
—35 Years Ago—  
Fireworks are to be shot from the roof of the Caldwell theater in a climax to St. Joseph high school's big pep meeting in advance of the football game in Benton Harbor.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,  
The Herald-Press:

**FREEDOM'S PRICE TAG**

Freedom is not free and they who feel that constitutional freedom is an unlimited privilege better do some hard thinking by the measure of restrictions placed upon such freedom.

Every organized group whether it be the Congress or local PTA has as its authority a book of rules and operates under a system known as parliamentary procedure or Robert's Rules of Order. The rules and by-laws of every organization are, in the true sense, restrictions of freedom and as we can define these as laws of government we may also look into the real definition of a law which is: "a law is a rule, adopted by competent authority regulating, prohibiting and commanding acts and modes of conduct."

It's just that simple. Consequently this ties itself in to the definition of crime (which in itself is a generic term) and is defined thus: "Any act or omission (failure to act) forbidden by law is a crime." And that is just as simple.

Therefore the restrictions on the freedom of man pile up like a pyramid to the point that he must guard against any act, or word which may interfere with the established freedom of one or more of his fellow men irrespective of his or her status quo.

The origin of freedom will be found in the Bible when Jesus said: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets." Matt. 7-12.

There, my friends is the answer to those who persist in unorganized demonstrations, rioting, who obstruct the path of their fellows, destroy life and property, and interfere with the workings of democracy from the top to the lowest office holder who is none other than Mr. Citizen himself.

Summed up we can conclude that whether the offense be murder or tossing an empty six-pack on the highway the law has been violated and that is the fact to keep well in mind. Freedom is guarded by liberty.

There is quite a difference, for we are at liberty at all times so long as we respect the law and those who are at liberty with us. The law is our code of ethics and to be a good, conscientious citizen we must respect and abide by the decisions of authority. We may protest, but this must be in a peaceful manner, not interfering in the rights of others.

It's all so simple. Why the confusion? The answer is obvious. We take too much freedom for granted. The price comes high.

WILLIAM A. RODGERS,  
Bridgman

Editor,  
The Herald-Press:

**THE MESS IN CUBA**

The American people have had many blessings of liberty in our democracy, and it is our sincere and earnest hope that Cuba will become free.

A book about the Castro regime entitled "Dagger in the Heart," published by Funk & Wagnalls, has recently been written by Dr. Mario Lazo, renowned international Cuban lawyer. In Havana, Dr. Lazo founded, and for 35 years headed, one of Latin America's most prestigious law firms, which represented the U.S. and other governments, major American corporations, and an impressive Cuban clientele.

From his own knowledge and experiences in Cuba, and from other factual sources, Dr. Lazo has given an awesome and authentic revelation of Cuba under the Castro regime, and he tells the complete incredible story of how Castro was actually brought to power. Also, momentous further insight is given into the Bay of Pigs

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**RUTH RAMSEY**

**Today's Grab Bag**

**THE ANSWER QUICK!**

1. Who wrote "Pilgrim's Progress"? — John Bunyan.
2. What famous western fictional character did writer Clarence E. Mulford create? — Hopalong Cassidy.
3. What is the meaning of an editor's word "set"? — To set type.
4. In what city is the Metropolitan Museum of Art situated? — New York City.
5. What is the welkin? — The sky.

**BORN TODAY**

Edward Higgins White II gave his life for America's space program.

On June 3, 1965, Major White became the second man to emerge from an orbiting spacecraft and the first to control his movements while floating in space.

On Jan. 27, 1967, he died with two fellow astronauts, Roger B. Chaffee and Virgil I. Grissom, when fire broke out in the Apollo 1 spacecraft during a simulated flight in preparation for a launching.

A West Point graduate and a former Air Force test pilot, White was one of the nine men designated by NASA to make up the second team of astronauts in September, 1962.

He was born in San Antonio, in 1930, the son of a retired U.S. Air Force major general, who had been one of the Army's pioneer balloonists and aviators.

When he was ten, his father took him on his first airplane ride in an old AT-6 trainer. By the time he reached high school, "Red" White was active in Hi-Y and athletic groups. He excelled at track and in his sophomore year he played on the jayvee and varsity team.

At West Point, he starred on the soccer team and set an academy record in the 400-meter hurdles. After graduating from West Point, he transferred to the Air Force. He qualified as a jet pilot at flight school in Florida and spent three years in Germany as a member of a fighter squad.

He obtained his masters degree from the University of Michigan and went to Wright-Patterson as an experimental test pilot.

On Sept. 17, 1962, NASA chose a new team of nine test pilots — White among them.

White's "walk in space" was not originally planned for the Gemini 4 mission, but after Russian cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov performed the feat in 1965, the venture was considered for Gemini 4.

Others born today include Robert Fulton, Morton Downey.

DR. COLEMAN

... And Speaking  
Of Your Health

For years my doctor has been watching me closely because of fibroid tumors of my uterus. Now at the age of fifty-four he recommends surgery. I really am not afraid of the operation, but have some hesitation because of two recent articles I have read on this subject in magazines. In both of them it was said that more than half of such surgery was unnecessary. I have complete faith in my doctor, but am embarrassed to discuss this with him. Can you direct me to a decision?

Mrs. S.P., Calif.

Dr. Coleman  
fornia. Dear

Mrs. P.: State laws definitely limit open-season hunting and fishing to protect animals, fish and hunters.

As far as I know open season on doctors lasts all the year round. There is nothing that saves a boring dinner party better than a discussion of doctors, their "errors" in judgment, their refusal to make house calls, their indiscriminate surgery and their fees. All of this is almost always followed by a comparison of the virtues of their own doctor and the compensating phrase, "Don't get me wrong, I'm mad about mine."

Magazines and books have been found to be an excellent way of exploiting the doctor-patient relationship by hostile writers. I say hostile because any book of praise of a physician or a hospital is met by most readers with indifference and total lack of interest.

You are now in the confused state of balancing the advice of an exploitative writer against the valuable opinion of your own doctor. The fact that your doctor has been following your condition for such a long time is the best indication of how conservative he is about surgery. It is apparent to you that the progressive changes of the size of the fibroid in the womb now make surgery necessary in order to avoid any unnecessary complications. If it is true that

you have "complete faith in your doctor" then there should be no embarrassment in discussing your hesitation about surgery. You will find that he will welcome a talk with you and will undoubtedly be glad to suggest another confirmatory consultation to bring you and your husband a greater sense of assurance.

Modern American medicine is long past the phase of indiscriminate surgery. This may have occurred at the turn of the century when surgery was performed in hospitals without accreditation by the American College of Surgeons. Today, all surgeons have, after long periods of hospital residency training, fulfilled the rigid requirements of the Boards of Surgery and of the hospitals.

All operations are carefully scrutinized by special committees in order to be certain that the tissue that is removed has the disease that made its removal necessary.

Fibroid tumors of the uterus are benign tumors mostly composed of muscle tissue. It is said that more than 30 percent of all women have fibroids which cause no symptoms and may never need surgery. There are three distinct types of fibroids depending on their position within the lining in the muscle and beneath the covering of the uterus. When they grow to such a size that they compress the lower intestinal tract and produce gnawing pains in the back or affect the urinary bladder, surgery becomes necessary. You can be assured that your doctor's judgment is correct. Modern surgery and anesthesia make the operation safe with a short convalescent period.

**SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH**—Insurance tables are an excellent guide to the ideal weight for the age and size of a person.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♦ Q10  
♥ K93  
♦ A65  
♣ J9874

**WEST**  
♦ K653  
♥ A1072  
♦ J982  
♣ 5

**EAST**  
♦ J874  
♥ QJ854  
♦ 103  
♣ 62

**SOUTH**  
♦ A92  
♥ 6  
♦ KQ74  
♣ AKQ108

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♣ Pass 3♣ Pass  
4NT Pass 5♣ Pass  
6♣

Opening lead ace of hearts.

How would you go about trying to make six clubs, assuming that you and partner had bid this optimistic slam. West begins with the ace and another heart.

Obviously, the contract is cold if the adverse diamonds are divided 3-3; in that case one of dummy's spades could be discarded on your fourth diamond. However, this is not a healthy prospect to rely on, since a 3-3 division occurs only 36 per cent of the time, and it would seem advisable to look for some way of supplementing your chances.

One distinct possibility is that the player with the greater diamond length (assuming the suit is not divided 3-3) also has the king of spades among his slam can be made by applying some pressure on him.

Since there are no other possibilities to pursue, you proceed on the basis that the diamonds are either divided 3-3 or that the defender with most of them also has the king of spades.

You therefore ruff the nine of hearts, cash the A-K-Q of trumps and ace of spades, and cross to dummy with a trump. When you now cash the king of hearts and discard a spade on it, this becomes the position:

North  
♦ Q  
♥ A65  
♦ 9

West  
♦ K  
♥ J982

East  
Immateral

South  
♦ 9  
♥ KQ74

You then cash the last trump in dummy, discarding your nine size headache on his hands. Regardless of what he discards you are bound to win the rest of the tricks, and the outcome is that you make the slam as a result of your early preparations for a possible squeeze.

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

A golfer was suffering the tortures of the damned on one disastrous round. By the fourteenth hole, he had lost four balls, developed blisters on both hands, and broken two new clubs across his knee. So he sat down near the next tee, bowed his head low, and muttered, "I've got to give it up" over and over again. "Golf?" queried his caddy. "No," he replied morosely. "The ministry."

Now the indefatigable Charlie Rice has been searching out oddly named restaurants in this amazing land of ours and he's come up with a few beauties: The Sloppy House (in Toledo); Bali Bulton (in L.A.); Bull Frog Corners (in Memphis); Pig Stand Number 37 (in Houston); and Burp's Drive in (in Chicago).

Charlie also uncovered a Celebrity Donut Shop in New York — full of life-size cut-outs of folks like Frank Sinatra and Sammy Davis, Jr. Because of the cut-outs the place is always jammed — even when there isn't one live customer in sight

**QUOTABLE:**

George Gobel: "When I was a kid, my folks were so poor we couldn't even afford electricity. I was the only boy on the block who played a kerosene guitar."

Stewart Udall (Sec. of the Interior): "We have enhanced the future of everything — except the overall future of the human race."

Harry Truman: "I wasn't one of the greatest presidents, but I had a good time trying to be one, I can tell you that."



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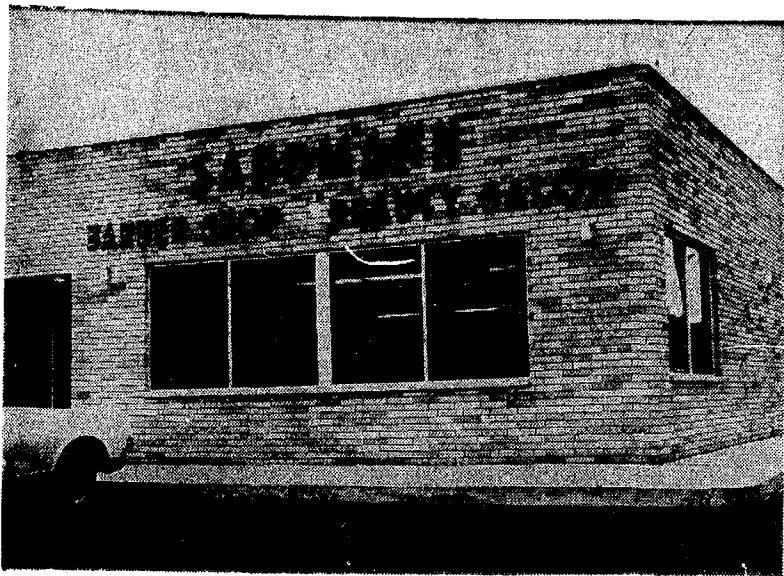
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## PLIGHT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION TOLD HERE



**NEW SHOP:** More barbers in the family meant that Earl Sandmann needed a bigger shop so he put up this building at 3110 Washington avenue, St. Joseph. John Sandmann currently is practicing with his father. A chair also was installed for another son, Dennis, who is barbering in Vietnam and will be discharged from the Marines next May. Fourth chair in shop is operated by Doug Jacobs. New building also houses Ruth's Styling salon and two offices. Sandmann's shop formerly was located next door to new building. (Staff photo)

### Heads State Laundry Institute

John D. Fetters has been elected president of the Michigan Institute of Laundering and Drycleaning at the organization's state convention held last week in Detroit.

Fetters, of 1109 Flanders place, St. Joseph, is owner with his brother, Gene, of Sanitary Cleaners in St. Joseph. The two are second generation owners of the business founded by their father 53 years ago.

John Fetters has been treasurer, secretary, first and second vice president and a director of the institute before his elevation to the presidency.

He will preside over three meetings and the winter conference to be held in the Bahamas in addition to the state convention next year.

The institute has over 450 members throughout Michigan. Over 300 drycleaners and laun-



JOHN D. FETTERS

drymen attended the state meeting at Detroit. Main speaker was Earl J. Hill of Consumers Power Co., Jackson.

At the annual meeting John P. Barlow, a partner in the Barlows Laundry and Cleaners of St. Joseph, was re-elected an area director.

### No Change In 'Time' Flights

Time Air Lines plans no changes in its daily schedule of flights from Ross field to Chicago Meigs field and Ann Arbor and Detroit Metropolitan airport, President Gene Cramer said today.

An announcement that the airline had purchased facilities at Gary, Ind., airport prompted a rash of telephone calls inquiring if the airline planned any schedule changes. The facilities at Gary include two 120-by-120 foot hangars which the airline will use for maintenance only, Cramer said.

While maintenance work will be done at Gary the corporate offices of the firm will remain in Benton Harbor.

### Chamber Membership Drive Opens

Sixty members of the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce started a membership drive Wednesday after hearing a pep talk by Tom Bartley, general manager of market training services, Whirlpool Corp.

Bartley said the chamber plays a vital role in the community by backing such projects as water service which is extending to 75 per cent of Benton township with the city of Benton Harbor supplying the water.

"There are 600 prospects I understand you men are going to sell in the period of this drive," said Bartley, "and all of them can be sold if you can get across this one point very emphatically—that every one of these prospects has a stake in our community and the only way we can perform as an industrial or commercial member of the community is to become a part of the Chamber of Commerce."

He noted that the Twin City Chamber is the seventh largest in the state and that continued growth can be measured in direct benefits to the community.

The kickoff was a breakfast meeting at Holiday Inn.

### Bonds Authorized

LANSING (AP) — Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. has been authorized by the State Public Service Commission to issue and sell \$31 million in first mortgage bonds.

### Airport Expansion

GRAND RAPIDS (AP) — An \$8.3 million revenue bond issue for expansion and improvement of Kent County Airport was voted Wednesday by the Kent County Board of Supervisors.

### Merger Of Schools May Help

#### Diocese Official Addresses Parents Club Of St. John's

Consolidation of schools is sometimes necessary to cope with the mounting problems of Catholic education, members of the Parents club of Benton Harbor St. John's school were told last night.

William Blackburn, assistant superintendent of education for the Diocese of Lansing, said consolidation movements originate from the parishes involved and are not imposed by the diocese.

(Consolidation of St. John's and St. Joseph Catholic schools has been discussed off and on for some time without definite agreement.)

Blackburn described the up and down trends of enrollment in Catholic schools. Current enrollment in schools of the diocese is more than double the total of 1949, but officials are concerned by a decline in the past four years.

**ENROLLMENTS DOWN**  
The peak was reached in 1964 with 37,000 students in schools of the diocese. This year's total is about 32,000.

Blackburn attributed the decline to a shifting attitude toward Catholic education caused by either a change in values or financial problems or a combination of both.

The ratio of lay teachers to religious has changed from 1 to 9 to more than 1 to 1. Fifty-five per cent of the teachers in the diocese are now lay.

Salaries of lay teachers are much more than those who belong to religious orders. Other factors pushing up the cost of Catholic education are reductions in classroom loads and bringing more specialists into the programs.

#### STUDY PLANNED

Blackburn said professional studies of the educational programs in various areas of the diocese will be made by teams from the Bureau of School Services of the University of Michigan. Recommendations for solving problems will then be presented to local boards of education.

Blackburn said he believes that a majority of the state legislators are convinced that some form of public aid for nonpublic schools is the most logical way for Michigan to meet its educational responsibilities.

He cautioned that Catholic schools can't count on state aid, but said he hoped it could be realized in a year or two.

### MSU Will Host Swimming Meet

EAST LANSING (AP) — Michigan State University has been selected as the site of the 1968 Women's National Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Championships, to be held Nov. 23.

More than 25 colleges and universities, including defending team champion Arizona State, will send entries. Preliminaries of the one-day Saturday meet will be held in the morning. Finals will start at 2:30 p.m.

Michigan State placed seventh last year at the meet held at Wayne State University.



### Atom Plant Site Scene Of Tragedy

#### Alanson Man Loses Life At Bridgman

BRIDGMAN — An Alanson, Mich., man was fatally injured Wednesday afternoon while working on the preparation of the site for the Donald C Cook nuclear generating plant north of Bridgman.

He was George L. Poquette, 56, of route 1, Alanson, an employee of the Canonic Construction company, which is excavating the site prior to construction of the plant for Indiana & Michigan Electric company.

The accident occurred at 4:45 p.m. when Poquette was pulled into and caught in a conveyor belt, according to William Robinson, safety director for Canonic.

Robinson said Poquette was putting rosin on the conveyor belt to keep the drum from slipping. Robinson said the man was putting the rosin on by hand instead of using a sprayer when he was pulled through the guard rail by the drum and his arm caught in the machinery.

The operator of the conveyor belt shut it off immediately but Poquette suffered extensive injuries to the head, neck, shoulder and arm when he was pulled through the guard rail. He died at 1:45 a.m. today in Mercy hospital.

Poquette began working for the company on Sept. 25 of this year. Survivors are believed to include his wife and a child in Alanson.

**BOOSTERS ELECT:** Mr. and Mrs. Milton Myers are new presidents of the St. Joseph Bears Football Boosters. Other officers on the husband-wife teams are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dennison, vice presidents; Mr. and Mrs. Robert DeVries, secretaries, and Mr. and Mrs. James Mawhinney, treasurers. Helmed No. 1 Bear indicates position at top of conference with Portage Northern. Retiring president Burton Baker told Coach Ike Muhlenkamp "a lot of young men are better off because you are here." Muhlenkamp responded with cautious optimism for next year.

### Burglaries Investigated By Deputies

Break-ins at the Stevensville elementary school and Camp Warren were reported to the Berrien county sheriff department yesterday.

Deputies said Bill Galbraith from the Lakeshore school district, reported \$3 taken from a vending machine and approximately \$23 from two offices. A check was to be made for other missing articles.

Virgil May, a Benton Harbor school district faculty member, said the Camp Warren outdoor educational center and office building was burglarized, a camera and a small amount of food were taken. Camp Warren is owned by the Berrien county Council of Churches and currently is being operated by the Benton Harbor school district for outdoor education.

### Officials At Shoreham Terrace

#### Administrator, Director Of Nursing Named

Appointment of an administrator and director of nursing for the new Shoreham Terrace, south St. Joseph nursing home, scheduled to open early in December, have been announced.

William S. Eaton, of Evanston, Ill., has been named administrator and Mrs. Daniel Pjesky of Benton Harbor has been appointed director of nursing.

Eaton was formerly administrative director of the North Children's Center in Chicago, a federally funded project in a disadvantaged section of Chicago. It is a pediatric satellite clinic connected with Children's Memorial hospital, Chicago.

Eaton and his wife and two children plan to move from Evanston to St. Joseph.

Eaton said, "We at Shoreham Terrace are concerned with the comprehensive care of the whole person. This is particularly important with older people. Our emphasis will be upon their physical care and comfort, of course, but just as important the emotional and spiritual care also."

"Individualized, personalized and understanding care is our constant goal."

Shoreham Terrace, located at Lake Shore drive and Hawthorne in South St. Joseph, is a single-story building with Spanish or Mediterranean motif carried throughout the design of the building.

Inquiries are being accepted in regards to patients and some employment positions are available, Eaton said.

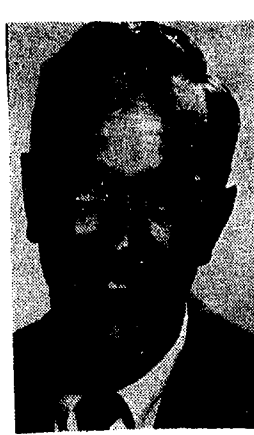
Mrs. Pjesky will head a staff to operate the 110-bed nursing home. A nucleus of the nursing staff is now being organized with additional employees to be added later.

Mrs. Pjesky comes to Shoreham Terrace from the Bry-Fern Nursing home in Berrien Center. She has also been employed at Memorial hospital, St. Joseph, and in the office of Drs. Robert and Barbara Green, St. Joseph. She is a graduate of the Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing in Detroit. She also attended Michigan State university.

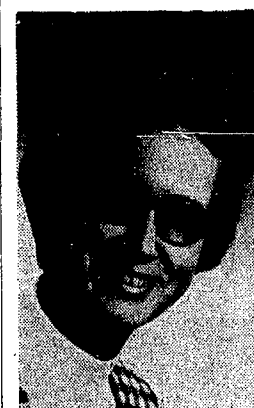
The Pjeskys live at 1348 Colfax avenue, Benton Harbor. Pjesky is a real estate salesman associated with Downey Real Estate, Benton Harbor. They have three children, Steven, 19, at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., Mary Jane, 17, a senior at Michigan Lutheran seminary, and Donna, 9, at St. Matthew's Lutheran school, Benton Harbor.

**HONOR SERVICEMAN**  
GANGES — A coffee hour was held recently at the Ganges United Methodist church for Pvt. Lester Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Perkins of Ganges, who will leave soon for Vietnam.

**DINNER PLANNED**  
GALLEN — A carry-in dinner will be held at the Olive Branch church in Galien at 12:30 p.m. Sunday followed by a congregational meeting and a short program by the youth fellowship.



WILLIAM S. EATON



MRS. DANIEL PJESKY

### Controller Of Quality Packaging



DICK HANDWERK

Dick Handwerk, 43, of 3616 Lakeshore drive, St. Joseph, formerly of Orlando, Fla., has been named controller and chief accountant for Quality Packaging, 352 West Britain avenue, Benton Harbor.

A graduate of Eastern Illinois State college, Handwerk has been with Hayes Freight Lines, Mattoon, Ill., and held accounting positions with several Orlando firms before coming to the twin cities.

Handwerk is married to the former Ruth Schulz of Benton Harbor. They have three children.

#### IN HOSPITAL

NEW TROY — Ora Smith of Jackson, a former resident of New Troy, is a patient at Berrien General hospital in Berrien Center.

## Expenses Are Declared By Berrien Candidates

Some 21 candidates for offices in Berrien county have filed campaign expense accounts to date in the wake of the Nov. 5 election, and the other candidates have until Nov. 25 to report how much they spent.

All candidates, successful and unsuccessful, are required by law to disclose their campaign costs in reports to be filed with the county clerk.

Hazen Harner, Republican who won reelection as county drain commissioner, reported spending \$448.02, the top figure among candidates who have submitted accounts to date.

Ben Rosenberg, defeated Democratic candidate for 17th district Berrien county supervisor, \$85 in his own expenses and \$254.09 declared by Edward C. Doty, campaign committee treasurer, for a total of \$339.09.

Reelected 43rd District State Rep. Don R. Pears of Buchanan, \$308.

Michael A. Govatos of Benton Harbor, new 11th District supervisor, \$172.50.

Lad S. Stacey of Berrien Springs, successful 17th District county supervisor candidate, \$106.84.

James H. Stevens of Benton Harbor, new 9th District supervisor, \$51.66.

Ward Collins of Sodus, unsuccessful candidate for Sodus township trustee, \$56.80.

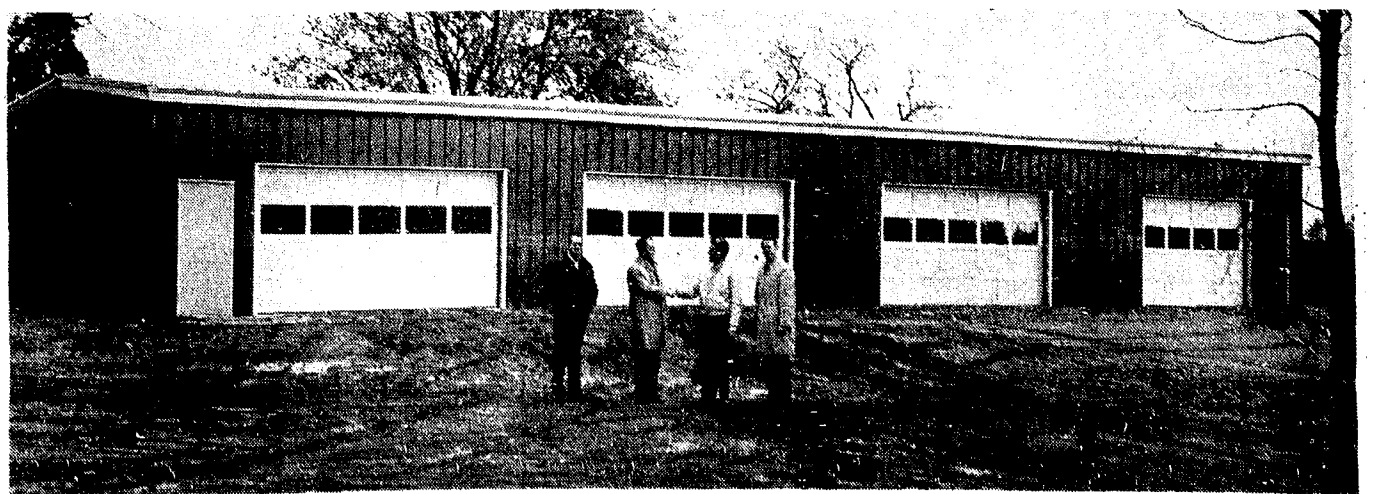
Fred Kener of Berrien Springs, unsuccessful 5th District supervisor candidate, \$28.68.

Francis Stump, successful candidate for Royall township trustee, \$24.

Hamilton E. Calvert, Niles township, unsuccessful candidate for 19th District supervisor, or 23.

Jerald P. Sanders of Niles township, successful candidate for township trustee, \$8.50.

Those declaring no expenses were Otto R. Grau, successful 4th District county supervisor candidate; Edwin J. O'Brien, successful 13th District supervisor; Edward L. Grieger, successful 1st District supervisor; Gust Anton, successful 15th District supervisor; Lamont Tufts, successful 7th District supervisor; Ernest A. Chase, successful 18th District supervisor candidate; William W. Butcher, unsuccessful 10th District supervisor candidate; Leonard C. Smith, Jr., successful Bainbridge township supervisor candidate; and successful township trustee candidates Gerald A. Wahl of Lincoln and Walter Slowik of Benton.



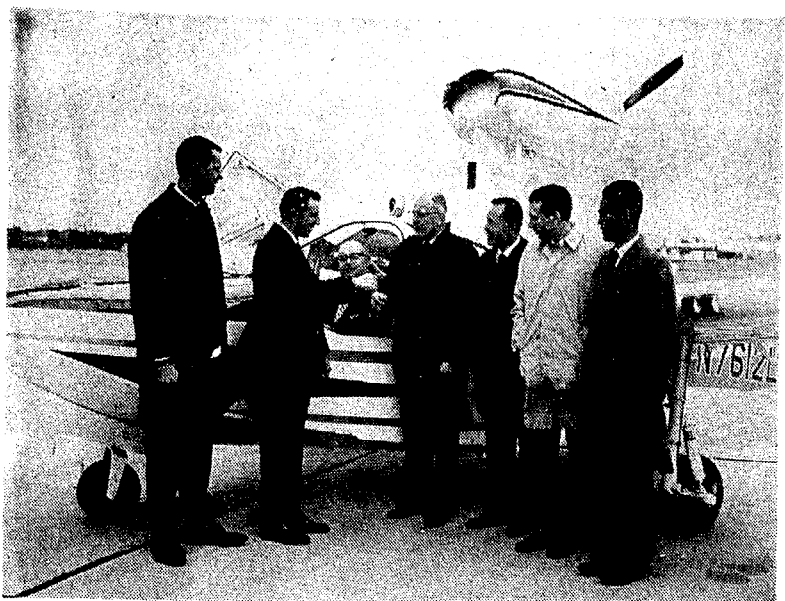
**CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED:** The first building which will be a part of the new 18-hole Windwick Golf course was completed recently, south of St. Joseph. The Butler steel building was built by Peterson Building Sales of Benton Harbor and will be used as a storage shed. The building is 36 x 96 feet and has a baked on parchment colored roof and olive green side walls. It is completely insulated and was constructed in five days. Stand-

ing in front of the building (from left) are Stanley Soures, contractor; Dwain Rauhoff, owner of Rauhoff Studios, St. Joseph; John S. Yerington of Yerington Contractors, Benton Harbor; and Sidney Peterson of Peterson Building Sales. Rauhoff and Yerington are partners in the Windwick endeavor. Windwick is located south of I-94 between M-139 and US 31-33. The new golf course is expected to open in the spring. (Staff photo)



ST. JOSEPH, MICH., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1968

## WATERVLIET SCHOOL SUPT. ROGERS RESIGNS



**FLEET EXPANDS:** Henry P. Dainys, vice president of sales at Lake Aircraft, presents V. E. Garber, vice president of financial affairs at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, the keys to the new Lake Super Custom, four-place, amphibious-land airplane. William Barney, left, instructor in flying at Andrews, and Charles Moon, Marvin Adams and Jai Oh, right, students who have studied and lived in Korea look on. Hans Vosteen, the first pilot sits in plane ready to leave for Korea. The plane was purchased for the Seventh-day Adventist Seoul, Korea, Sanitarium and Hospital by the Quiet Hour radio program. (Shafer photo)

Seaplane  
Is Bound  
For KoreaTo Join Adventist  
World Fleet In  
Medical Service

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Another aircraft has joined the ever-growing fleet of Seventh-day Adventist airplanes in medical service around the world.

Andrews University helped give a Lake Super Custom LA-4 its send-off for Korea recently from Sportsman's Airport, Mishawaka, Ind. On hand to bid it bon voyage were two Korean students from Andrews university along with the university vice-president for financial affairs, V.E. Garber, and the director of the Andrews University flight training program, C. William Barney.

Piloting the plane when it arrives in Korea will be Dr. Robert W. Allen, a Seventh-day Adventist dentist associated with the Seventh-day Adventist Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital. It will be used for medical work in the area around Seoul.

Before the idea of a plane, the Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital had been given money for a boat by the L.A. Shipwreck family and L.A. Edwards of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. After studying the needs of the area carefully, the mission decided that an amphibious plane would be more suitable than a boat.

Early in 1968, radio pastor J. L. Tucker, speaker of the "Quiet Hour" radio broadcast from Redlands, Calif., appealed to his listeners across the country about the need for a mission plane in Korea. Before long the listeners sent in over \$30,000.

Tucker, former pastor of the Pioneer Memorial church at Andrews University, now is based at Redlands.

Henry P. Dainys, vice president of sales at Lake Aircraft, was on hand for the brief ceremony and symbolically turned the keys over to V.E. Garber of Andrews University. Then the ferry pilot, Hans Vosteen, began the two-week trip to Korea. His route would take him first to Newfoundland, then to Greenland, Iceland, Ireland, Germany, Greece, Lebanon, India, Singapore, and finally up the coast to Korea.

The plane has a normal flying range of 600 miles and a top speed of 132 miles per hour. Powered by a 180-horse Lycoming engine, the motor is mounted on top of the fuselage with the propeller at the rear of the engine. The craft can carry a maximum of 827 pounds and has a gross weight of 2,400 pounds.

The advantage of the Lake plane is that it can land on either water or land, using its boat-like hull for the water, and its retractable wheels for land. Its main mission will be to serve as an air ambulance for critically sick and injured people, for transporting medical supplies, and for taking medical teams quickly to places where they are needed.



RICHARD L. ROGERS

Supervisors  
Invited To  
Conference

Members of the newly-reorganized boards of supervisors in southwestern Michigan are invited to a conference Dec. 18 in Kalamazoo to familiarize themselves with their new jobs.

The education division of the Michigan State Assn. of Supervisors, sponsor of the conference, reported the meeting starts with 9 a.m. registration at the Holiday Inn at I-94 and Sprinkle road interchange.

Berrien County Clerk Forrest H. Kesterke has been asked to speak on property managing and purchasing at 11:30 a.m.

Other area meetings for supervisors began Nov. 11 in the Upper Peninsula. They end Dec. 19 in Mason.

Topics include organization, personnel management, budget-making, county ordinances and county health and welfare, to name a few.

Van Buren  
Newspapers  
To Merge

PAW PAW — The last separate editions of the Paw Paw Courier-Northerner and of the Lawton Leader weekly newspapers will roll off the presses this week.

James Freer, editor and publisher of the Lawton Leader, for the past six years and Felix Racette, editor and publisher of the Courier-Northerner, for the past 11 years, have announced the papers have merged and will be known as the Courier-Leader.

The final issue of the Lawton paper is published today and the final issue of the Paw Paw paper will be published tomorrow. The merged papers will have a total circulation of 3,500.

The two men said they have also formed a new company, The Vineyard Press, to print the new merged paper in Paw Paw by the offset process. An office will also be maintained in Lawton.

Racette was state editor for the Kalamazoo Gazette before he purchased the Courier-Northerner, which is 125 years old. Freer came to Lawton to purchase the Leader from the Williamston, Mich., Enterprise. The leader is 80 years old.

Burdens  
Of Office  
Too Much'Not Worth It'; Will  
Be Principal At  
South Grade School

WATERVLIET — Richard L. Rogers, superintendent of Watervliet schools for the past eight years, has resigned effective at the end of the current school year.

At his request, the board of education appointed him principal of the South Elementary school next July 1. That post was vacated by the retirement last month of Henry Beall.

Rogers, in his letter of resignation, said the burdens and pressures of the superintendent's post "are just not worth the compensation and demands made on one's life."

Atty. James Colman, president of the Watervliet board of education, said the procedure to find a new superintendent will begin soon. Under the contract with Watervliet teachers, he said, the vacancy will be posted for applications from within the system for seven days before the position is advertised in trade journals.

## LONG CAREER

The 60-year-old Rogers had been Watervliet high school principal for five years before he was appointed superintendent in 1960. He has worked 27 years in the education field. Before coming to Watervliet, he was principal and superintendent of schools at Beaverton, Mich.

In his letter of resignation presented at a special school board meeting earlier this week, Rogers said during his 27 years in education including 15 at Watervliet, "great changes have taken place, especially in the past few years. Many of these changes have been gratifying, many have not been.

"The situation in public schools has developed to a point where the position of superintendent has become less desirable, less rewarding and less enjoyable each year. The problems, the frustrations, the worries and burdens of the superintendency today are just not worth the compensation and demands made on one's life.

"But I hasten to add that the years spent as superintendent here in Watervliet have been both rewarding and gratifying as the school has grown and developed. I have always had a good board with whom I have enjoyed working. I have appreciated the support of the people of the district as they voted time after time for better schools.

"I have realized a long-held dream of a new Watervliet high school on East Red Arrow highway. And now, although I have not yet reached retirement age, I would like to finish my career in education here in Watervliet in a less responsible and demanding position."

## STARTED IN 1913

Rogers' first connection with Watervliet schools was in 1913 when he entered kindergarten in the building now used as a furniture warehouse. He was graduated from high school in the present junior high building.

Since he returned as high school principal in 1954, the school system has grown from 521 students, 32 teachers and a



SP/4 EDDIE KEMPTON

Dowagiac  
Soldier  
Gets MedalWins Bronze Star  
For Heroism In  
Vietnam War

DOWAGIAC — A Dowagiac soldier has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroism in Vietnam.

He is Eddie Eugene Kempton, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Kempton, Route 1 Dowagiac.

Kempton, who serves in the U. S. Army, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 28th Infantry, was awarded the medal Sept. 6, according to Col. Archie R. Hyle, GS Chief of Staff.

The medal was won by Kempton for "Heroism not involving participation in aerial flight, in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam."

On June 6, the then Pfc. Kempton was serving as a rifleman with his company during a night ambush at a trail junction in War Zone D. The citation said, "Shortly after dark, the friendly force attacked an estimated reinforced North Vietnamese platoon. Pfc. Kempton moved about through the hail of hostile rounds in order to best engage the enemy with his weapon. The friendly force moved back to the protection of a bomb crater and he put forth a heavy volume of suppressive fire which helped to cover the maneuver.

"Although he was wounded by the hail of hostile rounds, Pfc. Kempton continued to expose himself to the enemy fire while he persisted in placing devastating fire on the North Vietnamese, halting their repeated attempts to assault the platoon's position.

"His courageous initiative and perseverance while wounded, significantly contributed toward the rout of the insurgent force. Pfc. Kempton's outstanding display of bravery is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the 1st Infantry Division, and the United States Army."

Kempton enlisted in the Army Aug. 4, 1967, and went to Vietnam Jan. 8, 1968. His home base is presently Lai Ki, about 70 miles from Saigon. He was graduated from Dowagiac high school in 1966.

Elected By  
4-H Agents

EAST LANSING — Edward Poole of Paw Paw, Van Buren County Extension 4-H agent, was elected treasurer of the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents at the group's conference on the Michigan State university campus.

Other officers named were: Carl S. Smith of Milwaukee, Wis., president; James Kemp, Fort Wayne, Ind., president elect; James Johnson, Lewisburg, W. Va., vice president; and Mrs. Patricia Stabler, Westminster, Md., secretary.

In other conference activities, 25 agents from across the nation were honored at a Wednesday banquet for their distinguished contribution to youth.

Industrial Club  
To Tour Plant  
In Kalamazoo

A tour of the Package Division of Brown Co., Kalamazoo, will be part of a dinner and business meeting of the Berrien County Industrial club next Wednesday. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. at Southgate motel, I-94 and Westnedge street, with the tour following.



**WAR VICTIM:** Funeral services for Army Warrant Officer Wayne M. Bell, 30, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Connelly funeral home, Cassopolis, with the Rev. Alan D. Howard of United Missionary church officiating. Military rites will be conducted by unit of Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., with burial in Plum Grove cemetery, Union, Mich. Mr. Bell, the husband of Carolyn J. Bell of route 3 Cassopolis, was killed in October when his helicopter was shot down in Vietnam.

Diversification Pays  
Off For Sodus FirmBy JERRY KRIEGER  
County-Farm Editor

**SODUS** — A major effort to diversify the products it stores paid off in a near-record business year for Southern Michigan Cold Storage Co. here, during one of the shortest fruit crop years in history.

President John Steimle told stockholders at their recent annual meeting the firm did \$592,000 in gross business in the fiscal year ended Sept. 30. It was the second highest volume of business the firm has done in a year, he said.

Steimle, who took the presidency a year ago, reported a determined effort to diversify the variety of products stored had been started early in the year, directed by the new plant manager, Jack Russell, and sales manager, Frank Deener. Diversification reduces the firm's dependence on the size of the fruit crop.

He said the policy of diversification is permanent but that plans are being developed to expand storage capacity temporarily during the summer months in order to serve the fruit processing industry even in full crop seasons. He explained

that part of the huge basement cold storage area, normally employed for fresh fruit storage in the winter, can be temporarily converted to frozen storage for several months in the summer.

## STEIMLE'S REPORT

His report to stockholders showed the storage plant on Pipestone set a new monthly storage record in August, when 31 million pounds of various food products were stored. Steimle noted a very sharp increase in the use of rail shipments in and out. Approximately 400 rail cars were loaded out of the storage, and

some 100 cars were handled incoming.

Steimle, who said the firm has 132 stockholders, reported the board of directors is considering an expansion into other geographical areas, but did not elaborate.

Members of the board, in addition to the president, are Carl Steimle, Benton Harbor, chairman and secretary; Howard Clupper of Dowagiac and Victor Crandall of Benton Harbor, vice presidents; and Russell Tidey, Eau Claire, treasurer.

A \$1 per share dividend was paid for the year.

Berrien Springs Fund  
Soars Well Over Goal

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The Greater Berrien Springs United Fund has reached \$9,458.03. This is 112 per cent of the \$8,643 goal, according to Wilson Trickett, campaign chairman.

The total is broken down as follows: mail receipts, \$1,392; retail business, \$1,738; professional people \$260; Andrews University, \$2,228.53 (faculty, \$1,999.78; students, \$228.75); Berrien Springs public schools, \$1,001.50; miscellaneous, \$1,218.

Leaders for the campaign were: Wilson Trickett, campaign chairman; Eugene Ireland, vice campaign chairman; Jack Davis, vice campaign chairman; Horace Shaw, publicity chairman; and Kenneth Sink, treasurer.

The leaders wish to express a special thank-you to everyone who gave to the United Fund. It was only through the united effort of the entire Greater Berrien Springs area that this large amount was raised.

Those still wishing to contribute may send their contribution to: Greater Berrien Springs United Fund, Box 121, Berrien Springs.

## OPEN HOUSE

**GANGES** — The Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd VanLente will hold an open house at the parsonage in Fennville on Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. The Rev. VanLente is pastor of the Ganges and Fennville United Methodist churches.



**PHONE BUILDING STARTED:** Officials of New Citizens Telephone Co. of Bridgman and Weesaw and Chikaming townships break ground for new Sawyer area exchange building on Red Arrow highway. Turning first shovel of earth are (from left) Charles M. Wiley, telephone company president; Alan Boyd, Weesaw township supervisor; State Rep. Don R. Pears, and Herbert Seeder, Chikaming super-

visor. Other township and telephone company officials who participated are in background along with John Greenman, general contractor. Building will house new switching equipment. It is part of a \$500,000 modernization and service expansion program planned by Citizens Telephone Co., recently acquired by the Mid-Continent system.

## SHE SURVIVES

Train Rips  
Off Rear End  
Of Her Car

EDWARDSBURG — An Edwardsburg woman escaped death this morning when a passenger train going 70 miles per hour ripped off the rear end of her car.

Cass county sheriff's deputies said the accident happened shortly after 7 a.m. at the May street crossing of the Grand Trunk Western Railway.

Deputies said Joanne McHone, 37, of 123 Main street, Edwardsburg, was not hurt when her car was hit by the train. She was alone in the car. Officers said the train ripped the entire back end of the car off right behind the rear window with the rest of the car containing the McHone woman ending in a ditch alongside the track.

There was only minor damage to the train. The crossing has cross arms and stop signs posted.



**NEW NAME FOR POST:** Members of the Wilcox-Eastman-Salinas Post 160 American Legion, of Bangor, receive new charter after post was renamed to honor the city's first Vietnam casualty, Pfc. David G. Salinas. From left are Miss Anita Salinas, a sister of Pfc. Salinas, Jackson Kidd, Bangor post commander, Ray Conlon of Grand Rapids, past state commander, who presented the charter, and Mr. and Mrs. David Salinas, Sr., parents of Pfc. Salinas, who joined the Marines in August of 1967 and was sent to Vietnam in January of this year. He was killed April 17 in action near Phua Thien. (Marguerite Smith photo)